



4-H YOUTH COUNCIL POSITION DESCRIPTION

Responsible To: Dickinson County Youth Coordinator

Purpose: As a leader, communicator, and representative of the 4-H program in Dickinson County, 4-H members, families and friends will look to you as an example of high 4-H standards and ideals. Youth Council Members are in a key position to improve communications between members and adults in 4-H and other organizations. Your task is "To Make the Best Better".

Responsibilities:

- Leadership
 - Strengthen the 4-H program with your ideas.
 - Assist in planning, coordinating and supporting 4-H activities.
 - New member recruitment activities and classroom presentations
 - Member, Leader & Volunteer Recognitions/Awards
 - National 4-H Week Promotions
 - County Fair Activities
 - Various county 4-H workshops and camps
- Communications
 - Participate in at least nine of the twelve youth council meetings per year.
 - Read & share mailings from the Extension Office to keep 4-H'ers informed.
 - View the 4-H website for state and national 4-H activities of interest to our county.
- Representation
 - Demonstrate loyalty and pride in your 4-H Organization.
 - Set a living example of 4-H standards for members and friends.
 - Encourage others to become involved in 4-H.
 - Serve on a Project Committee

Benefits:

You will have a primary role in:

- Developing and leading numerous county-wide 4-H activities.
- Serving as a communication link between local 4-H clubs, leaders and the Extension Office.
- Being seen as the voice of 4-H'ers with other adults in Dickinson County.
- Building positive youth/adult relationships.

Personally, you will have the opportunity to:

- Develop your own leadership skills
- Gain a sense of accomplishment
- Expand your teamwork abilities
- Make new friends
- Help other 4-H'ers grow and develop
- Have FUN!

Skills Needed:

- A sincere interest and desire to "Make the Best Better" for Dickinson County 4-H.
- The ability to work with youth and adults to accomplish your goals.
- A commitment to help plan, coordinate and follow-through on council activities.
- A willingness to set an example for others.

Resources Available:

Your resources include, but are not limited to: the ISU/Dickinson County Extension Staff, 4-H Leaders, parents, volunteers, other 4-H'ers, various 4-H websites and materials in the Extension Office.

Time Required:

The County 4-H Youth Council typically meets once per month for roughly 1-1 ½ hours to discuss and plan activities. Additional time may be required periodically to actually carry out the activities/events planned by the Council. (Examples include: presenting trophies and awards at Fair, helping with the pie auction at the Fair, assisting with the Fall Awards Banquet, helping with a lock-in at the YMCA, helping with camps and workshops, etc...) You must attend at least ½ of the Youth Council Meetings to be considered a member of the council. A joint decision between the County Youth Coordinator and the County Extension Coordinator have right to remove anyone from the council at any time due to attendance or attitude.

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